was a agitation in Jamia Millia Islamia following a judgement of Delhi High Court striking down certain reservations in admissions. The demand raised was to bring about certain amendments in Jamia Millia Islamia Act to emphasize its distinctive historical character. As the questions relating to grant of minority status to educational institutions, including Universities, are currently subjudice before an 11-Judge Bench of the Supreme Court, a decision on these issues by the Government would not be possible at this stage.

Sports Policy

1179. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL. Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had given concrete shape to the draft sports policy which had remained on paper since 1984;

(b) whether Government have circulated the draft new National Sports Policy to all States, if so, what is the reaction thereto (State-wise) particularly on bringing sports in concurrent list;

(c) whether Government have created a national Sports Development Fund, if so, how much amount Centre will contribute and how much fund Government are expecting from other sources; and

(d) whether New Policy is likely to be placed before Parliament during monsoon session for approval?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) taking into consideration various views expressed from time to time, it has been decided to revise the Sports Policy and take specific steps for Promotion of Sports.

(b) Yes, Sir. 16 States have endorsed the proposal for bringing sports in the Concurrent list. These States are Bihar, Kerala, Meghalaya, Goa, Sikkim, Nagaland, Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Tripura, Haryana, Maharashtra, Orissa, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Manipur.

The matter is being pursued with other 10 States, who have either not agreed to or have not responded to the proposal.

(c) No, Sir. Proposal for creation of a Sports Development Fund is under consideration of the Government.

(d) No, Sir.

The draft new national Sports Policy has been circulated to all State governments, National Sports Federations, Sports Authority of India, Indian Olympic Association and other concerned for their comments. It will take some time to analyse the comments and finalise the sports policy.

Mahila Samridhi Yojana

1180. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item entitled 'Launched with fanfare, many Government schemes ended up as farce' appeared in the Times of India dated 16th May, 1997;

(b) if so, the details of such schemes poorly implemented or not implemented at all by Government;

(c) whether the matter has been examined in detail at his level; and

(d) if so, with what result?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no such scheme. Basically the news-item which has been referred to in part (a) of the question is about Mahila Samridhi Yojana (MSY). The scheme is being recast due to high operational cost.

(c) and (d) The scheme was examined in detail at Ministry and Planning Commission level. The High-Power Committee constituted by the Planning

Commission on MSY recommended that no new MSY account should be opened after 1.4.97 and that the Department would recast the scheme by creating women's groups and involving them in saving and credit activities.

Accordingly, at a meeting of State Secretaries and Ministers convened by the Department it was decided not to open any MSY account w.e.f 1.4.97 and to revamp MSY by incorporating advocacy, empowerment through group formation and credit support through Rashtriya Mahila Kosh.

Promotion of Teachers in KV

1181. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that promotion of teachers precedes inter-regional transfers and posting of directly recruited ones in Kendriya Vidyalayas during session;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that names of a host of eligible teachers of different regions are left out;

(c) if so, the details of such left over cases of Delhi, Bhopal and Lucknow regions for 1997-98 category and Vidyalayawise; and

(d) the action taken against those responsible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUACTION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) A few teachers including those under Delhi, Bhopal and Lucknow Regions could not be considered for promotion to various categories of posts for 1997-98 for want of complete service records. Action has already been initiated to obtain the same. On eventual promotion the teachers will be given due seniroity vis-a-vis their juniors.

National Games at Banglaore

1182. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sport disciplines allowed in the last National Games at Bangalore (Karnataka);

(b) the number of participants in different disciplines state-wise;

(c) the amount of expenditure on organisation of these National Games;

(d) the amount of financial assistance received from the Central Government; and

(e) the details of the medals received, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) There were 26 Sports disciplines allowed in the IV National Games held at Bangalore/ Mysore, Karnataka.

(b) A statement-I giving Statewise position of participants is enclosed. (see belows) Discipline wise position is being collected.

(c) As per the Government of Karnataka, about Rs. 115 crores have been spent on organisation of Fourth National Games.

(d) A special non-plan grant of Rs. 8 crores was released to State Government of Karnataka during 1996-97 for development of various Sports infrastructure for Fourth National Games held in Karnataka. In addition a grant of Rs. 1.50 crores was released as Ist instalment to the State Government of Karnataka for laying artificial surfaces at different venues for the National Games.

(e) A statement-II is enclosed.